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SUBJ: SEC VISIT: 32ND UNGA: TOPICS LIKELY TO BE RAISED AT AFGHAN

FOREIGN MINISTER'S REQUESTED MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE

REF: KABUL 5869

1. DURING CALL ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SAMAD GHAUS AUGUST 29, I ASKED HIM IF HE COULD REVIEW AGAIN FOR US TOPICS FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH WOULD LIKELY RAISE IN THE REQUESTED MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE. GHAUS SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DO SO AND STATED THE FOLLOWING:

A) THE FOREIGN MINISTER WANTED TO ESTABLISH PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE DIRECT ASSURANCE OF THE LATTER'S INTEREST IN AFGHANISTAN AND USG'S CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO HELP SUPPORT THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE. GHAUS SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD NOT CONSIDER IT ACCEPTABLE TO MEET WITH ANYBODY BELOW THE SECRETARY LEVEL.

B) IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WISH FOR A DEMONSTRATION OF INTEREST BY THE SECRETARY, THE MINISTER WISHES TO STRESS TO  
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HIM THE GOA'S SINCERE DESIRE THAT THE U.S. MAINTAIN ITS PRESENCE AND PROGRAMS IN AFGHANISTAN. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WANTS PARTICULARLY TO ENDORSE THE CONTINUATION OF THE SENSITIVE (IN GOA EYES) PROGRAM OF USG MILITARY TRAINING ASSISTANCE WHICH DECADES OLD PROGRAM, MR. GHAUS SAID, THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT HAS FOUND SO USEFUL AND VALUABLE.

C) ALSO, THE MINISTER PLANS TO REITERATE THE GOA'S DESIRE AND GRATEFULNESS FOR THE AID PROGRAM WHICH THE AFGHANS SEE AS BOTH HELPING AFGHANISTAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT, HELPING THEM MAINTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

2. WHILE THE ABOVE THREE SUBJECTS ARE THOSE THE FONMIN WOULD PLAN TO RAISE, WE HERE AT THE EMBASSY WOULD HOPE THAT IF THE MEETING WERE HELD, SECRETARY VANCE WOULD RE-EMPHASIZE THE USG'S CONCERN ABOUT NARCOTICS PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING IN AFGHANISTAN AND USG WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT THE UN AND GOA IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS. THE TIMING WOULD BE ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE IN THAT THE POPPY PLANTING SEASON BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER.

3. IT IS VERY CLEAR FROM THE MEETINGS I HAVE ATTENDED WITH AMBASSADOR ELIOT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND WITH THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, THAT THE AFGHANS WILL BE VERY DISAPPOINTED, INDEED, IF WAHEED ABDULLAH DOES NOT SUCCEED IN SEEING THE SECRETARY. THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT'S CORDIAL MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR KARIM, BUT THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL THAT HE HIMSELF ESTABLISH PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE SECRETARY. WE RUN THE DANGER THAT IF NO MEETING IS HELD, THE AFGHANS MAY INTERPRET THIS AS A SIGNAL OF LESSENING USG CONCERN FOR AFGHAN INDEPENDENCE DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS  
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